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21 counties eligible for Disaster Relief Unemployment Benefits

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Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that 21 counties are eligible for special Disaster Unemployment Assistance Benefits (DUA) due to recent floods and storms.

Counties affected are Blackford, Boone, Clay, Delaware, Grant, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Jay, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, Randolph and Shelby.

The following Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will commence operations from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday: Lawrence Government Center, 9001 E. 59th Street, Lawrence; Decatur Township Fire Station, 3750 S. Foltz Street, Indianapolis; Clay Township Building, 10701 N. College, Carmel; Salvation Army Building, 1615 Meridian St, Anderson; and Delaware County EMS Building, 4501 E. Memorial Dr., Muncie.

Storms included in this disaster declaration have an effective date beginning August 26 and continuing. Governor O'Bannon requested and was granted federal disaster aid on September 3, 2003.

Hoosiers farmers, some self-employed, and other workers whose jobs were affected as a direct result of the flooding may be eligible. Benefits will be determined based on applicants' income.

Interested claimants must call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toll-free number (1-800-621-3362) to receive a registration number, then apply for benefits at the temporary Disaster Recovery Centers or their local WorkOne. To find the nearest WorkOne office call 1-888-WORKONE or log on to the Department of Workforce Development web site at http://www.workforce.in.gov.